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COUNTRY East Germany
TOPIC Military Information from Rudolstadt

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1. On 11 October 1952, at least two buildings of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne on Emil Hartmann Strasse, Rudolstadt (M 51/J 54), were occupied to capacity. The two buildings were lighted at nightfall. About 500 troops were observed at march practice and formation drill in the barracks yard. During a half hour period of observation, about 32 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, were seen walking to the installation. Twenty-four 45-mm AT guns and 12 heavy AA guns stood in the barracks yard while sedan [REDACTED] occupied by a general, and vehicles [REDACTED] entered the billeting area.

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2. On 11 October, the Flak Kaserne on Schaalaer Strasse was partly occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only one barracks building was lighted after dusk. Five trucks were in the barracks yard.

3. On 11 October, the Finanzamt on Schwarzburger Strasse was partially occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. One building was lighted 80 percent and two others 60 percent. About 160 officers and EM were seen in the billeting area. There was no training activity.

4. On 11 October, no changes were noticed with the Soviet komendatura on Stalin Strasse. A sentry with red-bordered black epaulets stood in front of the building. Three windows were lighted in the evening.

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5. On 30 September, 48 trucks and 9 sedans, including 3 trucks towing a gun and the other trucks carrying baggage, billeting equipment and troops, entered the Prinz Eugen Kaserne. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have seen only part of the returning troops. The installation was reoccupied on 7 October.

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6. On 1 October, the troops returned to the Flak Kaserne on Schaalaer Strasse by road, arriving from different directions. [REDACTED] 40 trucks and 9 sedans without heavy weapons. [REDACTED]

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7. On 7 October, the Finanzamt on Schwarzbürger Strasse was occupied to capacity. Units up to 50 men practiced on the Grosse Wiese (meadow) near the Finanzamt daily.

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8. A local resident stated that several units arrived in the Prinz Eugen Kaserne on Emil Hartmann Strasse during the night of 4 October. On 7 October, the installation was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 80 vehicles, mostly trucks, were lined up in five columns in the barracks yard. Truck [] carried billeting equipment into the installation.

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9. On 7 October, the Flak Kaserne on Schaalaer Strasse quartered about 150 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Several groups of 10 men each drilled with rifles in the barracks yard. Four trucks, 1 sedan and 1 jeep were in front of the garages.
10. On 7 October, the eastern wing of the Finanzamt on Karl Marx Platz was occupied by about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. The western wing housed offices of the Wismut Corporation. About 40 soldiers with rifles drilled in the barracks yard and 3 groups of about 20 soldiers each marched into the installation from the area of the athletic field, equipped with rifles. []

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1. [] Comment. [] the following shipments arrived in Rudolstadt from Ohrdruf:

30 September: Trains [] probably with elements of the 497th AAA Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which is stationed in the Prinz Eugen Kaserne and, partly in the Flak Kaserne. See [] paragraphs 5 and 6 in the present report.

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9 October: A train [] with an AAA component of the 497th AAA Regt, [] Motor vehicles []

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[] when the unit was loaded in Ohrdruf on 9 October. See Paragraph 5 of the present report and []

9 October: A train with [] elements of the Hq XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps stationed in the Finanzamt. It is known from previous reports that part of the Finanzamt houses an office of the Wismut Corporation.

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The report fails to indicate whether the 880th Engr Bn of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps is also stationed in Rudolstadt. The battalion was repeatedly confirmed as being stationed in Templin during the summer []

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[] It was moved from Templin to Dessau [] on 7 and 8 October.

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[] On 17 October, the corps troops of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which had participated in a maneuver in the Dessau-Wiesenburg area were loaded in Belzig to return to their posts.

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